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PRICE FIVE CENTS

ES BURNING SHIP BY WAR STI

Steamer Forced at Top Speed and Careened With Rudder, Sloshing Water Against Blazing

104 FRENZIED PASSENGERS ATTEMPT TO JUMP

STEAMER POTOMAC BURSTS INTO FLAMES OFF COAST OF HOLLAND AT DREAD HOUR OF MIDNIGHT ON PACIFIC TREATY

age Caused by Unfortu-

nate Speculations.

(By The Associated Press)

The Marietta Trust and Banking com-

pany, were indicted at Marietta today on

twenty counts charging embezzlement of

The two men, who are at liberty on

Gilbert, who was vice president, ad-

bond are to go on trial next Thursday.

Driver of Wagon That Set Off

Big Blow-Up Escapes

With Slight Injuries.

(By The Associated Press)

employes had left the grounds.

which could be heard several miles.

The fire originated with the explo-

sion of a wagon tank, which was being

filled. The driver of the tank, who

could give no explanation as to the

cause of the explosion, was thrown

some distance but was only slightly

Residents of the neighborhood flet

from their homes, fearing that the en-

tire suburb would be destroyed by a

HEARS PHONE TALKS BY

(By The Associated Press)

vice which the Society for Electrical

plifler, the society's statement said.

HIS RADIO APPARATUS

series of explosions.

approximately \$233,000.

Fear-Stricken Stokers Forced by Armed Officers CHILDREN USE TINY Into Blazing Boiler Room to Keep Up Steam.

MEN HUNG OVER SIDES TO FIGHT FLAMES THROUGH THE PORT HOLES

Daring Feat Finally Brings Vessel Across Atlantic to New York Under Its Own Steam.

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 18-A thrilling tale of fire at sea, with 04 panic-stricken men and women locked in their staterooms nd stokers held at their posts under the threat of drawn pistols, as related by passengers of the United States liner Potomac hen she arrived here today from Bremen.

It was a tale of Yankee pluck and ingenuity-of a skipper's ifusal to give up his ship until every hope had been abandoned, ad of his acceptance of the "thousand to one chance" which fried a threatening catastrophe into a merely harrowing experice for those aboard.

Broke at Midnight.

he fire was discovered at midnight, MARIETTA MEN tac, with Capt. William McLeod in CHARGED WITH e had been steaming along on a soth sea when suddenly, with howls ovarning, the Spanish and Fillipino sers bounded from the hold and sted for the life boats.

ficers, with revolvers, ordered th back to the fire room, which had bene an inferno of smoke, with fles billowing from an adjoining coartment where mattresses, life pervers and ships stores had mystensly taken fire.

Guard Boiler Room.

s dread cry of "fire" spread quicklyrough the ship. The 104 passengebroke from their staterooms and ms for the life boats. Captain Mc-Le sent stewards to herd them back ar prevent the frenzied ones from and said it was caused by unfortunate company lines. leng overboard.

rey had placed guards over the boil- still in the hands of the state banking eroom crews, and with streams of department. h were spouting tons of water on tiblaze. But huge clouds of smoke aost unbearable heat around the sers, next to the fire, gave evidence th it was gaining headway.

Decks Become Hot.

t 1 a. m., the fire had become so the that the decks were hot. At 4 cock the Potomac slowed down to li speed, at 4:50 Captain McLeod ored the engines stopped, and the bing craft rolled sluggishly about we the whole crew turned fire fight-

Seamen went over the sides in s'n's chairs with sledge hamers, smashed in the cast iron rt lids and directed their hose to the heat of the fire, but witht effect. Even live steam, turned o the hatchways failed to retard flames.

8:20 a. m., after the SOS had gasoline tank, which had been parbe sent out and a rescue vessel was heing to, to await the result of the bas, Captain McLeod decided that, rate than beach his ship, he would try stunt he learned during the war wh dodging enemy submarines.

s steamed ahead at top speed, ul the whole ship throbbed with thyibrations and her outline was abst obscured by the dense sike sweeping astern. Suddenly herdered the rudder hard over. Atha vessel careened in the "one about," her starboard side lift so sharply as to throw the totof water in her hold up along heuides and over the heart of

Imidiately the flames subsided, and a p. m., 16 hours after the alarm was sinded, the fire was under control a the vessel resumed her voy-

Engineer Overcome.

Chie Engineer Garland was overcare ofhe ship's surgeon for several of Providence, R. I. days, aording to passengers who nar-

The Pemac still had about 30 tons to port, e steamed in today.

WAR SHELLS TO BOMB SCHOOL DURING RECESS

(By The Associated Press) NEW YORK, March 18 .- A tiny toy 'bomb" selling for a penny was the latest plaything of Brooklyn school children until today when a policeman seized 1,600 of them in the store patronized by the children.

Teachers complained of the noise the glass tubes made when popped durchemicals caused the children's eyes

It was said the little tubes were used by overseas troops during the war to purify drinking water.

PLOT TO DYNAMITE

Two Men Caught Red-Handed. Town of 4,000 and Ammunition Depot Threatened.

(By The Associated Press)

PORTSMOUTH, Va., March 18 .-- A plot with wide ramifications to blow States should not associate itself. up bridges and property and cripple Power company, operating street car lines in this city and vicinity, has been uncovered by Norfolk police.

\$233,000 THEFT W. J. Cox, a motormen formerly employed by the company, was arrested this afternoon in connection Bank Vice-President Says Shortwith the attempt last night to blow up the bridge. Another former employe, W. P. Callaway, was arrested on the scene of the attempt by officers who had maintained a five day ATLANTA, Ga., March 18-A. H. Gil- and night watch.

bert and George H. Sessions, officials of Callaway and Cox, according to the mite into holes bored in the foundations of the bridge and had attached fuses, when they were surprised. The former was overpowered by the officers while the latter made his escape mitted his shortage according to officials, by fleeing into swamps bordering the speculations. Sessions who was cashier,

County police expect to arrest others lef Engineer E. M .Garland al- has made no statement. The bank is within twenty-four hours.

inches of the water main supplying ping from the hatchways and the MEMPHIS IS ROCKED Craddock, a community of 4,000 peomunitien depot at St. Julien's creek BY TANK EXPLOSION and would have destroyed, they said, Senator Jones Says Gordian George Washington, relating to the should be postponed until some means the high tension wires supplying those Special Made by Democrate

TO COLLECT MILLION MORE FROM RAILROADS

(By The Associated Press)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18 .- Holly-RALEIGH, N. C., March 18,-Taxwood, a Memphis suburb, was rocked ing units in North Carolina will collate today by the explosion of two lect virtually one million dollars more tanks of gasoline at the plant of the in ad valorem and franchise tax year-Royal Refining company. A number ly from railroads doing business in the of employes are reported to have sus- state, as the result of a unanimous tained minor injuries or burns, but no opinion handed down today by three fatalities occurred as almost all the federal judges denying the railroad application for an interlocutory in-The principal explosion occurred junction against collection of state serted, "will take into account not only when the fire reached a 32,000-gallon taxes.

The railroads involved were the tially emptied, and which company of South Atlantic and Yadkin, Seaboard, 10,000 gallons. It let go with a roar Southern.

ENEMY ALIENS WILL GET WAR INSURANCE

Persons Who Served United WIRELESS MUSIC TO States During War Are Entitled to Benefits.

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 18 .- Enemy aliens who served the United States during the world war are entitled to the benefits of the war risk insurance act under a recent interpretation of NEW YORK, March 18 .- Telephone the act by the veteran's bureau, acconversations among neighbors have cording to instructions issued today by lost privacy through a radio phone de- Director Forbes.

"According to this decision," Direccome I heat and fumes in the last Development announced tonight has tor Forbes said, "any claimant who is hour othe fight, and was under the been discovered by Alfred E. Proffitt an enemy alien and who volunteered or was drafted in the army, navy or The discovery was made last Sun- marine corps and who was not disrated thinle. Richard Albrecht, chief day, Proffitt said, when he heard dis- charged from the service on his own officer, nd a seaman were slightly tant voices, then an operator repeating application or solicitation by reason of telephone numbers. The secret of the being an enemy alien, and whose serradio eavesdropping, which he jealous- vice was honest and faithful, shall be of water her hold, when, with a list by guards, lies in the wiring of his am- entitled to the benefits of the war risk insurance act.

GEDDES ATTACKED IN SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND UNION **HEATED DISCUSSION**

Shields Charges British Ambassador With Influencing the Californians.

PREDICT FINAL VOTE ON PACT NEXT FRIDAY

Robinson Starts Oratorical Field Day With Demand Against Secret Diplomacy.

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 18-The whole bate on the four power Pacific treaty. | flooding of the mines. For the first time since early in the week the treaty's supporters joined battle directly with its irreconcilable opponents, and a score of senators and fully as many issues of the treaty fight were drawn into the running cross fire of argu- in case operators and miners fail to ment.

secret diplomacy. Senator Johnson, reterminated by the four power pact. Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, joined in with an assault on the Shantung settlement as an example of the sort of diplomacy with which he said the United

The manner in which the treaty was service of the Virginia Railway and negotiated, the charge that insufficient information had been supplied the Sentheir interests all were among the ques- to be employed on the docks. tions debated.

Geddes Attacked One new issue was raised by Senator been preparing to attack American possessions in the Pacific, it would be hard

for him to support either the four power or naval treaty. Tonight it was considered likely that employers to show generosity in reis taken Friday.

One charge of dynamite, officers de-clared, was planted within eighteen SAYS REPUBLICANS

Snarl Made by Democrats Has Been Unraveled.

publican, Washington, in a speech to- the file. It contains about 40 manuday in which he asserted that the work scripts. which his party had been able to accomplish was done despite the heritage of the last administration and persistent democratic obstructionist tactics

"The American people, in reaching a conclusion as to how they will vote CENT A MILE RATE FOR next November," Senator Jones aswhat we have done and the conditions under which we have done it, but also Woodrow Wilson."

to function in congress without the eastern Passenger Association at a meetcertainty of a presidential veto, had ing in St. Augustine last month anbeen compelled to untangle and unravel "the maze wrought by eight years of democratic control."

DES MOIES, Iowa, March 18 .- B. F. Elbert, manager of a local theatre, announced that music by wireless telegraph soon would be provided patrons of his theatre as a substitute for Willis Wilds Loses Control of MEN HELD FOR MURDER the regular orchestra. A wireless recelving station, capable of receiving music from Denver, Chicago and Pittsburgh, is being installed.

POLICE PROTECTION

turn over to the authorities of Norlina, caped with slight injuries.

MINERS MAY QUIT WORK APRIL 1: PLANS ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY

General Strike Is Also Proclaimed in All Italy; African Strike Is Settled.

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 18 .- Six hundred thousand union miners in the anthracite and bituminous fields will quit work April 1, unless some unforeseen solution of the present wage contro- divorce from her husband, George versy is offered in the meantime, John Etoffel, to permit her husband to mar-L. Lewis, president of the international ry another woman, Miss Nellie Philorganization of United Mine Workers, lips. announced today.

Plans for evacuation of the mines arms conference was reviewed anew in In the event of a walkout, mine crews

> Final orders of withdrawal will be and blood." issued by the general policies comarrange a new working contract.

The order to suspend operations in Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, the anthracite field April 1 already HARDING TO DELAY started the field day of oratory with a has been issued by the miner's genpledge the four signatory powers against eral wage council, in session at Shamokin. Pa. An arbitration committee publican. California, asked why the of eight, composed of operators and Franco-Japanese alliance as well as the miners, will meet here Tuesday to dis-Anglo-Japanese alliance had not been cuss a new wage scale for this field.

Italian Strike General.

ROME, March 18 .- A general strike was proclaimed today in all the ports of the Italian kingdom as an act of ate, and the failure to include outside precipitated by the refusal of the bonus, two phases of government aid lowed a conference between Speaker powers in Pacific conferences involving workers to allow non-union members for former service men when he re- Gillett and republican house leaders.

Settle African Trouble.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, averted by negotiation of the new treaty. unions concerned. The mine workers' Senator Johnson immediately inquired union, representing 21,000 men, led the in Illinois. since when the ambassador had been way by opposing the proposed plan of police, had tamped two sticks of dyna- making speeches to Califorians in sup- a ballot among the men as being import of the treaty and Senator Robinson practicable, passing a resolution disdeclared that if it were true Japan had associating itself completely from the "revolutionary movement" and repudisting it.

Premier Smuts has appealed to the statement would be improper. the number of unemployed.

WASHINGTON LETTERS

(By The Associated Press)

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 18 .- Ofnineteenth century, has been found in circles. WASHINGTON, March 18.-Con- the files of the Minnesota historical firmation by the people next November society, it was learned today. Officials was predicted by Senator Jones, re- how the collection found its way into

The last recorded owner was John Mason, secretary of the navy shortly after Washington's death.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS

(By The Associated Press) MEMPHIS, March 18-Announcemen the results of the first years of the that the United Confederate Veterans ficials say did not contain more than Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk democratic administration under will still be allowed the old rate of a cent a mile to and from the annual re-Senator Jones told the senate that union in Richmond, Va., was made by the republicans, once they were able railroad officials here today. The Southcame known that the name of Dr. Otto nounced that the reunion rate this year would be one fare for the round trip. This announcement raised a storm of his acceptability as ambassador from protests from the veterans.

REPLACE ORCHESTRA RACER IS KILLED WHEN AUTO SKIDS

Machine on Greensboro Track and Is Thrown to Ground.

(By The Associated Press)

Wilds, automobile race driver, of Colum- the second time at Rustburg on the FOR NEGRO BULLOCK Ma, S. C., was fatally injured here late charge of the murder of W. L. (Pat) today when a machine which he was Johnson in November, 1920, were found TORONTO, March 18-Rev. William E. driving in the Greensboro automobile not guilty by a jury in Campbell circuit Guy, pastor of the African Methodist races turned over on the tracks at the court tonight. The trial lasted three Episcopal church, today arranged for Central Carolina Fair Grounds. He died days. adequate police protection for Matthew two hours later at a local hospital. Ern- Johnson was reported missing from his Bullock, negro, whom Canada refused to est Brown, mechanician for Wilds, es- home near Six Mile Bridge, Campbell

pened.

WOMAN DIVORCES | ER HUSBAND TO AL MARRIAGE TO RL

(By The Associated Press)

DENVER, Colo., March 18 .- Mrs. Grace Jarret Stoffel today obtained a

Last August it was found that Stoffel maintained two homes, when Miss field controversies centering about the already are under way, Mr. Lewis said. Phillips complained to the county court that Mrs. Stoffel was seeking to ing recess and reported the exploding the Senate today during an all day de- will remain at their posts to prevent gain possession of the children and thus deprive her of her "own flesh

Mrs. Stoffel told of going away from mittee at Cleveland or Chicago, prob- home, and of returning to find Miss ably next week, it was said, effective Phillips installed in the Stoffel apart-

Says Hospitalization and Vocational Training Questions Must Take Precedence.

(By The Associated Press) support to the port workers at Naples, ING'S TRAIN, NEAR SAVANNAH, as most houses leaders desire. who declared a 24-hour strike this Ga., March 18 .- President Harding will take up, ahead of the soldier trainings.

There will be discussed at a White he would entertain a motion to sus-Shields, democrat, Tennessee, who de-clared that the British ambassador, Sir March 18.—The mine strike, which has, House conference Sunday night be- pend the rules and pass the bill. Such clared that the British ambassador, Sir lasted for 67 days, will end at midnight, tween the president, Director General a motion would block all amendments Auckland Geddes, had been quoted in a tonight, the order for its cessation Forbes of the veterans' bureau, Briga- and also prevent a motion to recommit ing that a war in the Orient had been having been confirmed by all the dier General Sawyer, General Dawes the bill with instructions to the ways and officials of the American Legion and means committee.

Declines Bonus Comment.

.The president today declined to comment on the soldier bonus situation as reported from Washington, and was said to feel that any advance

The president is known to retain the discussion will continue until a final vote engaging the men in order to diminish same position on the bonus as outlined in his letter to Chairman Fordney, which was enactment of a sales tax or postponement of legislation.

High administration officials are FOUND IN ST. PAUL declared to believe the president will restate his position to the house leaders and they expect to see the senate adjourn without passing the bill in its ficial and private correspondence of present form. Belief that the matter opening of a water route between the is devised for paying the amount in colonies and the western country, re- one lump sum, and not in dribblets, ported lost in the early part of the is said to be growing in administration

No Campaign Speeches. Mr. Harding is understood to have of the "verdict of the last election" of the society are at a loss to explain told Mr. Denby over long distance congress and practice all the economy in fuel possible.

Mr. Harding will be unable to make the trip to Alaska until congress ad- as he boarded the train at St. Augusjourns, it was declared. The president will make no cam-

GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO U. S. A. CROESUS

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 18-Although no official information could be obtained from the State Department today, it be-

ficials in the Krupp organization, has been submitted by the German government to the United States to determine Berlin in Washington. It was estimated several weeks ago that the expense of maintaining a sult-

able embassy in Washington would Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle today amount to approximately 100,000,000 marks a year. Dr. Wiedfelt is one of the wealthiest Germans of the present

ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY

(By The Associated Press) LYNCHBURG, Va., March 18-Lonnie GREENSBORO, N. C., March 18-Willis W. Moran and R. T. Shields on trial for

Iondell Requests a Conference Immediately on His Return From Florida Vacation.

WANTS IDEAS ON BANK LOAN IN LIEU OF CASH

Harding Party Is on Its Way Home and Is Due in Washington Sunday Afternoon.

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 18 .- The soldiers' bonus muddle is to be re-

ferred to President Harding again. Representative Mondell of Wyoming the republican house leader, announced today that he requested a conference with the executive for tomorrow evening after the return of Mr. Harding from Florida. He said ha would be accompanied to the White House by other members of the house

handling the bonus legislation. Mr. Mondell, it was reported, will seek to obtain the president's views on the compromise bill with its bank loan provision in lieu of a cash bonus, as well as his opinion as to whether the measure should be called up Mon-ON BOARD PRESIDENT HARD- day under a suspension of the rules,

May Block Amendments.

Mr. Mondell's announcement turns to Washington tomorrow, name- Mr. Gillett announced afterwards that ly hospitalization and vocational he would not make up his mind before Monday morning as to whether

> No Definite Conclusion. The conference in the speaker's office lasted for more than an hour and was behind closed doors. Mr. Mondell was delegated as official spokesman and made this statement:

"We discussed the question of the bonus in all its phases, fully, freely, good naturedly, but did not reach any definite conclusion or make any definite arrangement."

Representative Kitchen of North Carolina, the democratic house leader, who appeared unexpectedly at the capitol yesterday for the first time in nearly a year, and other democrats were writing a report opposing the bank loan provision.

On Way Home.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT HARDS ING'S TRAIN, JACKSONVILLE, PIA March 18 .- The vacation trip of Press ident Harding was ended today, and tonight the chief executive and Mrephone to carry out the intentions of Harding were en route to Washington, where their special train is due tomorrow afternoon.

The president was in a jovial mood! tine. J. Leon Prior, who turned his automobile over to the president durpaign speeches this year, it was added, ing his stay in St. Augustine, had a son born to him yesterday and today Mrs. Harding sent flowers to the hospital for Mrs. Prior.

Others aboard the train are Secretary and Mrs. Weeks, Attorney General Daugherty, Under Secretary of State Fletcher, Brigadier General Sawyer and Secretary Christian.

Ludwig Wiedfelt, one of the high of STILL BUSY WITH JURY FOR ARBUCKLE'S TRIAL

(By The Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18 .- The closing of the first week in the third trial of a manslaughter charge against found court and counsel still busy with the task of jury selection. The regular jury was finally selected and sworn Thursday, but the choosing of two alternates not only necessitated the examination of a number of other tales. men, but exhausted the panel of 65 which had been called.

MILWAUKEE BLIND MAN ATTACKED WITH KNIFE

(By The Associated Press) MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 18 .- M. A. Bell, Milwaukee, vice president of

the Badger State Advancement Assoclation for the Blind, was the victim county, in November, 1920, and it was of an attempted assassination in the N. C., for prosecution on a charge of at- Wilds was completing the first lap of not until September, 1921, that his body corridor of a downtown office building tempted murder in connection with a a ten mile race when the accident hap- was dug up in a lonely gave at a moon- this afternoon. The assallant attempted Wilds was completing the first lap of not until September, 1921, that his body corridor of a downtown office building ed to simb him to death with a stiletto.